

I would like to lend my support to the following Bills: SB 43, SB 90, and HB5254. As the Connecticut Chapter President of the New England Mountain Bike Association I sincerely hope that our State Legislature can pass laws that will protect local governments and municipalities that offer recreational opportunities on their property and open space. Without this protection, towns and other entities will be less likely to allow recreation on their property.

Additionally, it would be greatly appreciated if these bills would list "bicycling" and "mountain biking" as recreational activities covered by the bills. There are over 350,000 mountain bikers in the State of Connecticut and their alienation from the protections provided in the proposed bills would have a serious impact to local economies and tourism.

Thank you

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